

Planning Terms – A Reference Guide

| Term | What is it? | What does it mean? |
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| GRIDS / GRIDS 2 | Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy | The City’s long-range growth management strategy which integrates land use planning, infrastructure and financial considerations. GRIDS 2 is planning to the year 2041. |
| MCR | Municipal Comprehensive Review | This is a requirement for the City to update its Official Plans to conform to new provincial plans. The time horizon for the MCR is 2041. |
| UHOP | Urban Hamilton Official Plan | The City’s vision for growth and development in the urban area. Contains policies related to land use, servicing, cultural and natural heritage, urban design, transportation, etc. |
| RHOP | Rural Hamilton Official Plan | The City’s vision for growth and development in the rural area. Contains policies related to land use, servicing, cultural and natural heritage, agriculture, transportation, etc. |
| PPS | Provincial Policy Statement | Provincial policies on land use planning, infrastructure, employment, heritage, public health and safety etc. Municipal official plans must be consistent with the PPS. |
| P2G | Places to Grow (Growth Plan) | Sets the direction for accommodating growth and development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Encourages complete communities, a mix of housing and efficient use of infrastructure. |
| RI | Residential Intensification | The development of a property for residential uses at a higher density than currently exists. In the Growth Plan context, RI is measured as the number of new units constructed each year in the City’s built-up area. |

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| DGA | Designated Greenfield Area | Lands within the urban boundary but outside of the built-up area which have been designated to accommodate growth. |
| PJH | Persons and Jobs per Hectare | A measure of density utilized in the Growth Plan. |
| LNA | Land Needs Assessment | A calculation of how the City’s forecasted residential and population growth will be accommodated. Identifies how much growth can be accommodated within the existing urban area, and how much may need to be accommodated through urban boundary expansion. |
| MTSA | Major Transit Station Areas | The area including and around higher order transit stations and stops. Generally defined as the area within 500 to 800 m of a transit station. In Hamilton, this would include future LRT stops and existing and future GO Stations. |
| AEGD | Airport Employment Growth District | Employment area surrounding the airport. |
| NEF | Noise Exposure Forecast | Provides a measurement of actual and forecasted aircraft noise in the vicinity of airports. |
| TBL | Triple Bottom Line | Evaluation tool utilized in GRIDS. |